their allocations for APL category to States/UTs were rationalized from June, 2006 and April, 2007 based on Offtake during earlier years. However, following higher procurement of wheat and rice during 2008-09, additional allocations have been issued to States & UTs. Also, for increasing availability in the market, about 24 lakh tons of wheat have been allocated under Open Market Sale Scheme.

(c) Amount of food subsidy released by the Government of India to Food Corporation of India (FCI) and States during last five years is given below:-

Year	Total subsidy released to FCI (Rs. in crore)
2004-05	25746.454
2005-06	23071.000
2006-07	23827.590
2007-08	31259.684
2008-09 (upto 31.01.09)	40414.690

From these details, it is clear that the amount of food subsidy has been continuously increasing.

Super Bazar

599. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of the fate of Super Bazar, Delhi after its winding up and submission of evaluation report to the Hon'ble Supreme Court; and

(b) the details of payment made/to be made to shareholders of Super Bazar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) The Super Bazar has reported that a Special Leave Petition No. 8398/2005 was filed by the employees union in the Supreme Court challenging the order for winding up of Super Bazar. After hearing of the case, the court constituted an Evaluation Committee of three officials and directed to invite bids from intending bidders to revive Super Bazar. The bids thus received were evaluated by the Committee constituted by the Court. The Evaluation Report was submitted in Supreme Court on 05.11.2008. Its outcome is awaited.

(b) No payment has been made to any shareholder of Super Bazar till date.

Adulteration of coconut oil

600. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether adulteration of coconut oil by blending it with cheaper edible oils is once again in vogue as the price gap between the two variety of oil have widened over the last few months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to solve such issues, State-wise, especially in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) No such specific in formation/complaint regarding adulteration of coconut oil by blending it with cheaper oils has been brought to the notice of the Government in the recent past.

The Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA), 1954 and the PFA Rules, 1955 framed thereunder prohibit the sale of a mixture of two or more edible oils as an edible oil. However, this prohibition shall be inoperative in respect of admixture of any two edible vegetable oils as an edible vegetable oil subject to conforming to following conditions:-

- proportion by weight of any edible vegetable oil used in the admixture is not less than 20% by weight and
- admixture of edible oils processed or packed and sold in sealed packages weighing not more than 15 litres under Agmark certification with proper label declaration.

(c) The PFA Act, 1954 and Rules framed thereunder are implemented by the State/UT Governments who take action in cases where the samples are found to be adulterated/misbranded or violating the labeling provisions of the PFA Act, 1954 and Rules framed thereunder.

Review of foodgrains allocation policy

601. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government in view of the sufficient foodgrains stocks with it, proposes to review the foodgrain allocation policy and allot full foodgrain quota sought by various State Governments for distribution through public distribution system;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the monthly quota demanded by various State Governments during the year 2008 and 2009, so far, and the actual allocation made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) The allocation of foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) for Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families is made @ 35 kg per family per month for all accepted numbers of such families on the basis of 1993-94 poverty estimates of the Planning Commission, projected on the population estimates of Registrar General of India, as on 1.3.2000 or the number of families actually identified and ration card issued by each State/UT, whichever is less.

Full quantities of foodgrains are being allocated to BPL and AAY category as per the above norms for all accepted number of BPL including AAY families.

However, allocations of foodgrains for the Above Poverty Line (APL) families are made depending upon availability of foodgrains in the Central Pool.